

DOCTOR MCCOY TO THE PUBLIC

He Announces the Absolute Withdrawal of the \$3 Rate Jan. 1.

THE NECESSITY FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE OPPORTUNITY UNDER THE \$3 RATE CAN ONLY BE APPRECIATED BY THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN THE THROUGHS OF PEOPLE CROWDING HIS OFFICES DURING THE CONCLUDING DAYS OF THE TWO PERIODS GIVEN ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE WITNESSED WITH THEIR OWN EYES THE ANXIETY AND THE EAGERNESS OF THESE APPLICANTS TO OBTAIN THE BENEFITS OF THE OFFER CAN AT ALL APPRECIATE THE PRESURE BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON DOCTOR MCCOY TO MAKE THIS FINAL EXTENSION TO THE END OF THE YEAR WAS THE RESULT OF SUCH A PRESSURE AS THIS ONLY THAT THE PRESSURE WAS INTENSIFIED TENFOLD BY THE CROWDS OF PEOPLE OVER ANYTHING THAT HAS PRECEDED. IN MAKING THIS FINAL EXTENSION DOCTOR MCCOY THEREFORE INSISTED UPON GIVING TENFOLD EMPHASIS TO ITS CONDITION—NAMELY, THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY FINAL THAT IT CARRIES WITH IT A DISTINCT NOTICE THAT ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY THE \$3 OPPORTUNITY CEASES.

In view of repeated extensions, Doctor McCoy desires to give this notice to give official prominence. The month of December is absolutely the last opportunity under the \$3 Rate. It will never be given again in this practice. It cannot be indefinitely extended without actual loss, and it will be withdrawn except to those patients already under treatment on January 1st.

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W. H. Cooper, 1430 New York ave. says: "I had been deaf for over two years. My trouble began with a buzzing noise in my left ear. Now I hear perfectly. The noise in my left ear has stopped, and I hear as well as ever I did in my life."

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Bertina May Scott, 713 I st. sw. says: "When I was eighteen months old the doctor told me I was deaf. I grew deaf gradually, but ears being affected, and at one time her hearing became so bad that I was obliged to take her from school. Now she can hear a whisper."

HEARING RETURNED SUDDENLY.

F. E. Sherwood, Howard House, cor. 8th and Pa. ave. says: "My left ear was so deaf that I could not hear a tick with it. My hearing returned suddenly. Now I hear perfectly with either ear."

ALMOST TOTALLY DEAF.

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But Weak.

Money Market Firm, But Not Strin-
gent, Though There May Be
Further Curtailments.

New York, Dec. 17.—All call loans made on Friday carry over until Monday, but the market, while firm, did not develop conditions approaching stringency, and while outstanding loans were generally marked up, there was no scarcity of money offering at the advance. At the same time, the tone of the money market overshadowed former conditions, and there will be a further curtailment of banking accommodations, owing to the preliminary contraction in loans incidental to the payment of \$8,500,000 to be made on the 27th inst.

While the money market may rule firm thereafter and until the shifting of funds in amount of the payments into and out of the treasury shall have been completed, it may be expected that subsequently there will be a return to the conditions heretofore existing.

The greater part of the trading throughout the day was in foreign exchange, which was among the active features, showing weakness throughout the day. Interest elsewhere was largest in the stranger shares, Northern Pacific and New Jersey Central. London's dealings here on balance were on small scale, except for a few large orders of the Bank of England. Aside from the reports of earnings of various railways and the decision in the rapid transit case, there were no developments bearing on special securities.

New York, Dec. 17.—Dun's weekly review of trade for the week ending Dec. 11th is as follows: "Close to its annual holiday and halt the business of the year is surprisingly large. Payments through banks are again 2.5 per cent. larger than in 1896. Business has been of great prosperity; the production of iron and steel and boots and shoes is larger than ever before, exports eclipse all past records, and failures for two weeks have been the smallest for corresponding weeks in the past. Treasury receipts show a steady increase for the first half of December over previous months, both in customs and internal revenue, and heavy payments to government on Union Pacific account caused but slight stringency in money markets, with preparation for large outlay of bonds.

The most weighty news of the week is the rise of merchandise exports in November to \$16,630,290, the excess of exports in four months being \$22,212,491, while in half of December exports are nearly as large and imports \$22,500,000 smaller than last year, when the excess of exports was \$25,205,366. Exports all reports are surpassed by exports for this year, which have been \$974,690, 000 in eleven months, and the excess over imports in five months has probably exceeded \$285,000,000.

The output of pig iron for December 1 was the greatest ever known, 226,024 tons against 213,159 November 1, and 217,306 in November, 1896, the highest point heretofore. Exported stocks also decreased in November 29,652 tons, indicating consumption of about 230,000 tons weekly during the month.

Cotton does not change in price, though somewhat weak in options, but the uncertainty about spinning at Fall River has had some effect. The cotton manufacturer is in difficulty, due to production last year far in excess of demand, and to partial transfer of the demand to Southern mills. The demand for woolen goods is increasing, and some mills are in the market providing for a greater production, though most are still waiting, and the wool market is remarkably dull.

The stock market has been steady, taking a small falter for railways, with special strength in coal and granite stocks. Failures for the week have been 129 in the United States, against 87 last year, and 28 in Canada, against 41 last year.

New York, Dec. 17.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade for the week ending Dec. 11th is as follows: "A general quieting of demand in wholesale lines is reported as the holiday season and the annual stock-taking period approaches. Chief among the favored features of the week has been the related inquiry at higher prices for steel in various forms, accompanied by advances in the prices of some most affected. The wheat market has been less feverish and prices are practically unchanged from a week ago, while corn, oats and sugar are additions to the list of products showing advances. The unsatisfactory outlook for cotton goods is reflected in reductions in bleached goods to the lowest point ever reached, while some cotton yarns show weakness.

The price situation is one of quite exceptional steadiness. At the East, trade in wholesale lines is quiet, but retail trade has been stimulated sufficiently to allow a fair record of business in seasonable lines. The unsatisfactory position of the cotton goods trade may result in a general movement to reduce wages in New England mills.

The trade situation West and Northwest is one of unimpaired strength, although milder weather checks distribution of winter wear goods. Notable among favorable features is the improved inquiry at higher prices for several kinds of steel, especially billets and wire and nails. Particular activity is noted at Chicago, St. Louis, and Pittsburgh in these lines, while holiday trade remains active, and collections are almost uniformly good.

New York Stock Market.
Corrected daily by W. B. Hibbs & Co.,
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There is the strongest kind of probability that there will be no further much in the way of a bull market this side of New Year's. To be sure, this might be said of the whole spring about as well. However, the events of two weeks are enough to

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look forward to. The idea is gaining ground that there is to be a tight money market owing to the Union Pacific's payments, and that people will sell stock for cash. The recent boom has been followed by its reaction Thursday and yesterday, but the decline has not gone far enough. The public has long interest in the market, and the professionals have it under control. For the time, the professionals are bears.

The disposition to liquidate and realize made itself very apparent yesterday forenoon. Throughout the day, until near the close, there was evidence of sales of long stock and the support which the bull leaders extended to the market was inadequate to check its declines and declining disposition under this pressure. In fact, the slight rally that made their appearance from time to time only emphasized the apparent desire of the conservatives to secure profits.

The slight rally at the close was apparently due entirely to covering by room traders, and no other buying was noticeable. Mr. Carley, of Carley, Stokes & Co., does not agree with this view of the general situation or of yesterday's business. He said in his letter to the last night: "This morning we sent all our branches the following message: 'Some time today or before 12 o'clock tomorrow the market will strike a lower range than it will reach at any time next week.' This is exactly what has come about, and the market shows unmistakable evidence that this prediction will come true. The big public is standing aloof. The professional men are playing the game with each other. The only way that the bull leaders can make any money is to open it out of the bears, and for three days they have been working to get the bears in a trap, and now the bears are beginning to squirm, and they will only extricate themselves after an advance of \$2 or \$3 a share."

The decision of the appellate division of the New York supreme court in the rapid transit case was favorable to the underground scheme and equally adverse to Manhattan. It is a significant decision, too, and, despite the boasted friendship of Tammany for Manhattan, must not be considered lightly. There are other things the matter with Manhattan, too. In the opinion of many careful speculators, the stock is far too high.

The earnings of Denver and Rio Grande for the second week of December increased \$38,000. Texas Pacific, same period, \$22,000. Wabash, \$28,000. Chicago Great Western's November net earnings increased \$87,000. St. Paul's earnings for the second week of December increased \$48,000.

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